

March 15, 1999. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$870.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$870.00) for a three-month extension of time. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INRP:050/HYL.

### AMENDMENTS

#### In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

✓ At page 48, line 1, please delete "triton X-100", and insert therefor -- Triton X-100™ --.

✓ At page 50, line 15, please delete "Vectastain Elite" and insert therefor -- Vectastain Elite™ --.

✓ At page 50, line 23, please delete "Cytoseal 60" and insert therefor --Cytoseal™ 60 --.

#### In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 27-31, 62-76, 80-82, 92-95, 102-110, 113, 114, 121-126 and 131-135 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the remaining claims as follows: